Remarks

In the final Office Action dated January 20, 2004, the Examiner asserted non-compliance of the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 27, 2003 with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3), objected to claims 6 and 8, rejected claims 1, 2 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,355,335 to Imaide et al. (hereinafter Imaide), claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Imaide in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,535,526 to Henry et al. (hereinafter Henry), claims 4-6 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Imaide in view of Henry and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 4,338,515 to Herbst et al. (hereinafter Herbst), claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Imaide in view of Herbst and in further view of Henry, claims 8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Imaide in view of Henry and Herst and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,144,133 to Dudley et al.

By this Amendment, Applicants' representative amends the Title for consistency, and the specification for consistency with Figure 7, cancels claims 1-11, and submits new claims 12-22. Support for new claims 12-22 can be found, for example, on Figures 1-9, and in the specification on pages 2-5, para. 0004 and 0005 and on pages 10-17, para.0016-0022. As such, no new matter has been added.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is requested. If the Examiner notes any minor errors, he is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the matter can be promptly handled by Examiner's amendment.

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